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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am what you is usually called a "head hunter". I try to find qualified personnel for companies. I therefore have a good idea of how the business world is doing, or not doing. Unfortunately, it is not doing very well, and I put much of the blame for this on the antitrust suit brought against Microsoft. This case was totally unwarranted. All these firms started out on the same playing field.

Microsoft is a firm that created a product that people wanted. Bill Gates standardized computer software, allowing the average person to understand computers, and computer programs. There was no need to have five different programs to do a spreadsheet. Bill Gates simply was the best at giving the consumer what they wanted.

Microsoft has been more than accommodating to the Department of Justice's demands. Microsoft has agreed to a technical committee to oversee future adherence; Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new license to configure Windows as to promote non-Microsoft software; Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend far beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the original suit.

Let's put this matter to rest.

I urge you to give your support to this agreement. We need to help our country get beyond this pettiness.

Sincerely,

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